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Is your family ready for wildfire season?

Wildfire Preparedness - It's Your Responsibility

- Family Evacuation Plan
- Communication Plan **Emergency Kit**
- Home 'Fire-Wise' Zone
- П `Map Your Neighborhood'





Recommendations for Creating Survivable Space Around Your Home

- ✓ Remove dead wood from the yard, roof and gutters
- ✓ Reduce layers of debris to three inches or less
- ✓ Replace with fire-resistant plants and vegetation
- ✓ Relocate firewood and other combustibles

Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit that can Last at Least Three Days

- Bottled water, 1 gallon per person, per day
- Non-perishable food
- Medications
- First aid kit
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlights and batteries
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Important documentation (ID, insurance, & cash)
- Special needs supplies- extra wheelchair batteries,
- oxygen, medical supplies, & prescriptions Cellular phone and emergency charger
- Pet food and additional water for pets

Keep a Second Smaller Emergency Supply Kit to Take With You in Case of Evacuation (Include Clothing, Money & Toiletries)

> Be Prepared Help Your Neighbor!

"We can all pitch in and take personal responsibility with simple steps to create `fire-wise' zones around our own homes."

- Governor Brian Schweitzer

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Tips to Prepare Your Neighborhood

Assist neighbors, especially those with special needs, in home preparation and during evacuation



- □ Post all house numbers at the beginning of each driveway or visibly on the house
- ☐ Identify and communicate at least two exit routes accessible to all residents
- ☐ Clearly mark water, gas, and propane supply valves (turn off gas and propane valves before evacuating)
- ☐ Identify neighborhood gathering sites and make sure all residents know where they are in case of an emergency



Use this checklist to help you and your family prepare your home by creating a survivable space. Any 'no' answers require further preparation.

- ☐ Has dead vegetation within the `fire-wise' zone (within 100 ft of the house) been removed?
- ☐ Has continuous dense cover of shrubs and or trees been broken up creating open space?
- ☐ Have ladder fuels (vegetation that allows fire to climb up and off the ground) been removed?
- □ Is the area surrounding your home 'lean and clean' (plants kept healthy - no accumulation of flammable debris) to a distance of 30 feet?
- ☐ Are vegetation and other fuel sources surrounding your home regularly maintained?
- Is your roofing material fire-resistant?

For more information please contact:

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To learn more about fire preparedness or how you can help your neighbors, please go online to http://ready.mt.gov





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